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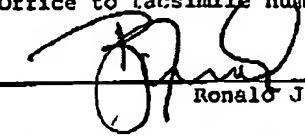
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejections of the claims is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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